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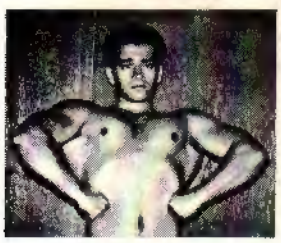

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THE RETURN OF BLACK ADAM

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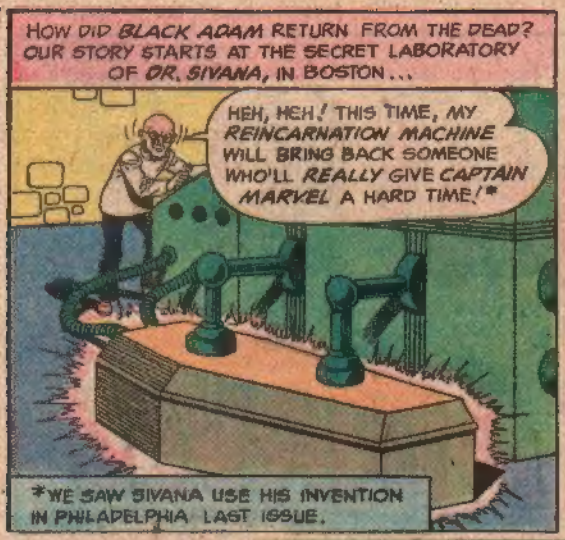
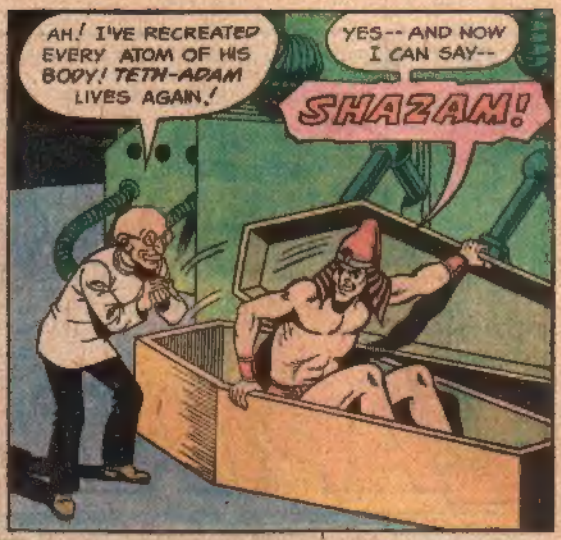

HOW DID BLACK ADAM RETURN FROM THE DEAD? OUR STORY STARTS AT THE SECRET LABORATORY OF DR. SIVANA, IN BOSTON...
HEH, HEH! THIS TIME, MY REINCARNATION MACHINE WILL BRING BACK SOMEONE WHO'LL REALLY GIVE CAPTAIN MARVEL A HARD TIME!*
*WE SAW SIVANA USE HIS INVENTION IN PHILADELPHIA LAST ISSUE.


AH! I'VE RECREATED EVERY ATOM OF HIS BODY! TETH-ADAM LIVES AGAIN!
YES--AND NOW I CAN SAY--
SHAZAM!

THE MAGIC WORD BRINGS A STAB OF MYSTIC LIGHTNING...
BOOOM!

...CHANGING THE ANCIENT EGYPTIAN INTO THE NEFARIOUS BLACK ADAM!
AT LAST! WHEN I FOUGHT THE MARVEL FAMILY, I WAS TRICKED INTO CHANGING BACK TO TETH-ADAM! AND I DIED!*
BUT THAT CAN'T HAPPEN THIS TIME!
HEH, HEH! ONLY THE REINCARNATION MACHINE CAN SEND YOU BACK!
*PATIENCE--WE'LL GIVE YOU THE FULL STORY SHORTLY.

THEN IF I DESTROY THE MACHINE, NOTHING CAN RETURN ME WHENCE I CAME!
SMASH!
ULP! N-NO!

I THREATENED TO DESTROY BOSTON UNLESS I WAS ACKNOWLEDGED AS RIGHTFUL RULER OF THE UNIVERSE! THAT'S WHY I REVIVED YOU--TO HELP ME!
RIGHTFUL RULER OF THE UNIVERSE! I LIKE THAT TITLE--

--SO I THINK I'LL TAKE IT--AFTER I WRECK THE CITY!
GROAN! WHAT AN INGRATE!

MEANWHILE, BILLY BATSON HAS ARRIVED IN BOSTON WITH HIS FRIEND AND MENTOR, UNCLE DUDLEY...
BOSTON IS A BEAUTIFUL, HISTORICAL CITY, BILLY!
BUT WE KNOW SIVANA'S SOMEWHERE IN IT! THINK I'LL GET OUT AND LOOK AROUND-- SEE IF I CAN GET ANY CLUES TO WHERE HE IS!
JUST BE CAREFUL, BILLY! DON'T GET INTO ANY TROUBLE!
DON'T FRET, UNCLE DUDLEY! WHAT TROUBLE COULD I POSSIBLY GET INTO NOW?
BUT JUST A FEW BLOCKS AWAY...
FOR BUSING
AH! HERE'S A BOY WHO WANTS TO GET ON THE SCHOOL BUS-- RIGHT?
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WHY--UH-- ACTUALLY--
YOU HEARD HIM! HE WANTS NOTHING TO DO WITH IT! HE WON'T GET ON THAT BUS--
--WILL YOU, BOY?
AGAINST BUSING
BUT I DON'T--
YOU MUST OBEY THE LAW AND TAKE THE BUS!
IT'S A VIOLATION OF YOUR RIGHTS!
HOLY MOLEY! THEY WON'T EVEN LET ME TELL THEM I DON'T GO TO SCHOOL HERE! I'D BETTER SAY...
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BADAMM!
THAT BRIGHT FLASH-- AND NOW THE BOY'S GONE!
THEY WON'T LOOK UP HERE FOR BILLY! AND I'VE MORE IMPORTANT BUSINESS THAN GETTING CAUGHT IN A DEBATE ON BUSING!
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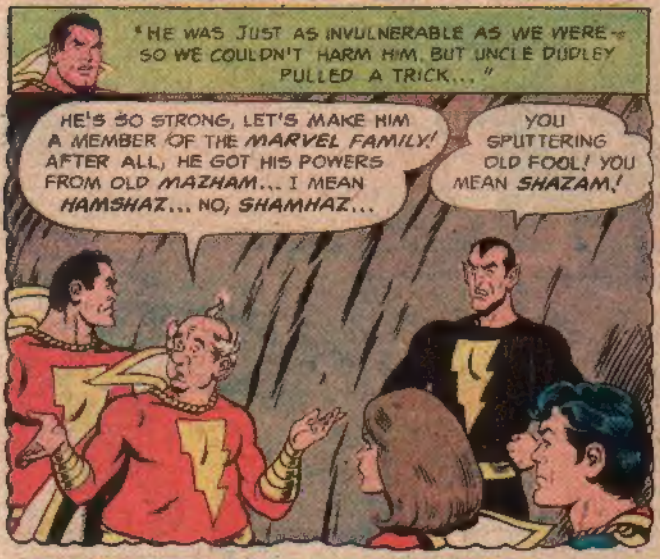
"HE WAS JUST AS INVULNERABLE AS WE WERE-- SO WE COULDN'T HARM HIM, BUT UNCLE DUDLEY PULLED A TRICK..."
HE'S SO STRONG, LET'S MAKE HIM A MEMBER OF THE MARVEL FAMILY! AFTER ALL, HE GOT HIS POWERS FROM OLD MAZHAM... I MEAN HAMSHAZ... NO, SHAMHAZ...
YOU SPUTTERING OLD FOOL! YOU MEAN SHAZAM!

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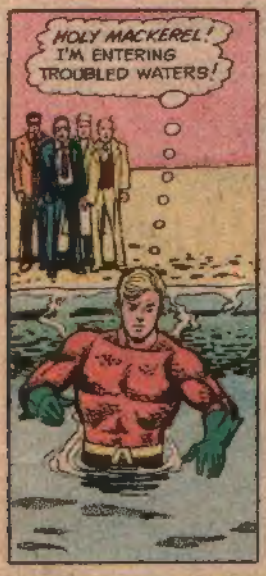

AQUAMAN, YOU LAND LOVER! HUMANS POLLUTE OUR HOMES, AND NOW I'M GETTING EVEN. IF YOU TAKE A STAND AGAINST ME, IT WILL BE YOUR OWN DOWNFALL.
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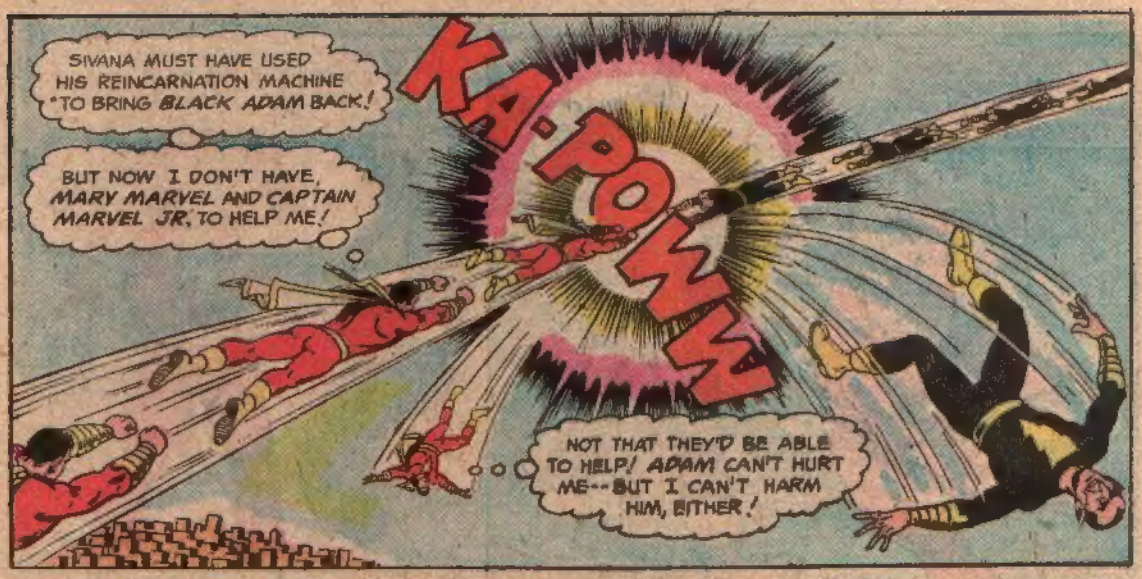
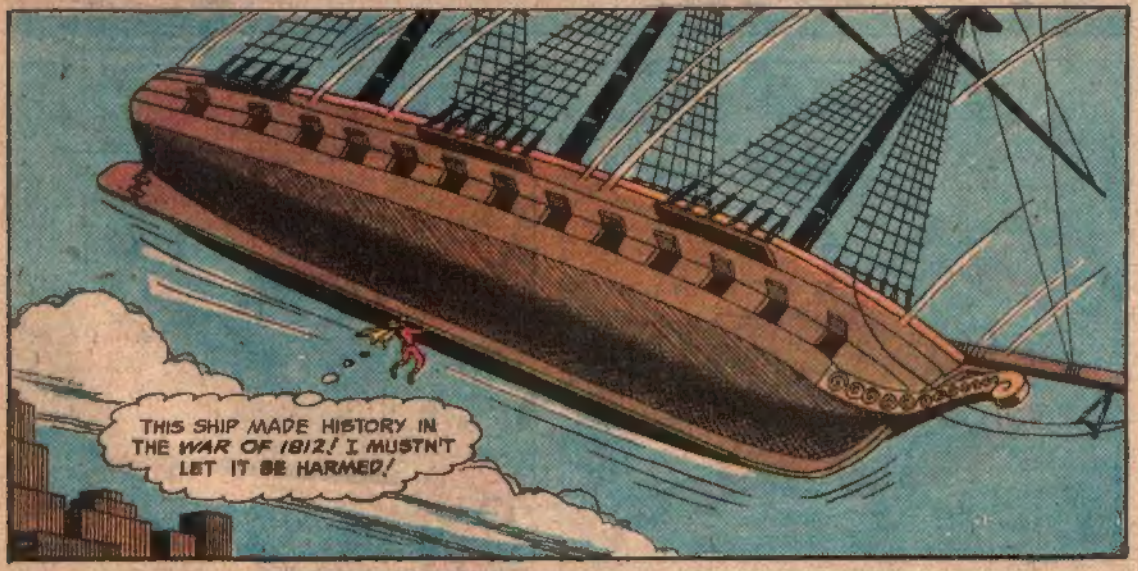

SIVANA MUST HAVE USED HIS REINCARNATION MACHINE TO BRING BLACK ADAM BACK!
BUT NOW I DON'T HAVE, MARY MARVEL AND CAPTAIN MARVEL JR. TO HELP ME!
KA-POW!!
NOT THAT THEY'D BE ABLE TO HELP! ADAM CAN'T HURT ME--BUT I CAN'T HARM HIM, EITHER!

LET'S MAKE THIS BATTLE INTERESTING, CAPTAIN MARVEL! I SEE JUST THE THING!

YOU'RE SORT OF AN IRON MAN--SO I'LL HIT YOU WITH A WOODEN SHIP THAT BEARS AN IRON NAME!
HOLY MOLEY! HE'S THROWING THE U.S.S. CONSTITUTION--OLD IRONSIDES--AT ME!


THIS SHIP MADE HISTORY IN THE WAR OF 1812! I MUSTN'T LET IT BE HARMED!

AFTER REPLACING THE SHIP, CAPTAIN MARVEL TAKES THE OFFENSIVE...
THIS TIME I'LL TRY MY ATOMIC PUNCH!
I DIDN'T FEEL A THING!
LET'S SEE IF YOU CAN SURVIVE MY MIGHTIEST KICK!
HO-HUM! IS THAT THE BEST YOU CAN DO?
HE COULD KEEP ME BATTLING HIM INDEFINITELY! HAVE TO GET AWAY--
--AND TO DO THAT, I MUST KEEP HIM BUSY!
HOLY MOLEY! HE SMASHED THE FAMOUS PAUL REVERE STATUE!
HAVE TO LET ADAM GO FOR NOW! CAN'T LET A SINGLE FRAGMENT OF THIS STATUE GET LOST!
USING HIS IMMENSE STRENGTH, THE WORLD'S MIGHTIEST MORTAL PIECES THE STATUE TOGETHER AND MENDS IT WITH THE HEAT OF SUPER-FRICTION...
SO MANY PIECES... IT'S NOT EASY TO FIND WHERE EACH ONE GOES!

THAT'S THAT! BUT AS FOR DEALING WITH BLACK ADAM -- I'D BETTER GET SOME EXPERT ADVICE!
DID YOU SEE THAT? HE MENDED THE STATUE SO PERFECTLY THERE'S NOT EVEN A CRACK LEFT!
CHANGING BACK TO BILLY, OUR HERO RETURNS TO THE WHIZ VAN...
BLACK ADAM--ALIVE? WE MUST GET ADVICE FROM SHAZAM!
MY THOUGHTS EXACTLY! I'LL CALL HIM ON THE ETERNI-PHONE!
YOU NEED HELP, SON?
YES, GREAT SIR! SIVANA HAS BROUGHT BLACK ADAM BACK!
THAT IS, INDEED, A GREAT CALAMITY! I RUE THE DAY THAT I CHOSE TETH-ADAM TO RECEIVE THE SHAZAM POWERS!
"IT WAS MORE THAN 5,000 YEARS AGO, IN EGYPT, THAT I SUMMONED TETH-ADAM, WHOM I MISTAKENLY BELIEVED TO BE GOOD AND PURE."
WHAT DO YOU WISH, O GREAT ONE?
THE WORLD NEEDS A POWERFUL CHAMPION TO COMBAT THE EVIL WHICH INFESTS IT!
PRONOUNCE MY NAME!
SHAZAM!
BOOOM!

THE MAGIC LIGHTNING HAS CHANGED ME!
YES--A BLACK COSTUME FOR THE HERO OF THE BLACK LAND!*
I NAME YOU KHEM-ADAM! GO AND FIGHT EVIL IN THE WORLD!
*THE ANCIENT EGYPTIANS CALLED THEIR LAND KHEM OR KEMET-- "THE BLACK LAND"-- BECAUSE OF THE BLACK SOIL OF THE NILE BASIN.
"BUT KHEM-ADAM--BLACK ADAM--USED HIS NEW POWERS FOR EVIL. HE STORMED THE PALACE OF PHARAOH...".
GET OFF THAT THRONE, PHARAOH! I CLAIM IT FOR MYSELF!
GUARDS! PROTECT ME!
FOR RESISTING ME, DIE! WITH MY POWERS, I SHOULD RULE THE WORLD!
"BUT WHEN HE HAD TAKEN THE THRONE, I CONFRONTED HIM..."
FOR ABUSING YOUR POWERS, YOU MUST BE PUNISHED! I CANNOT DESTROY YOU -- SO I BANISH YOU TO THE FARTHEST STAR IN THE UNIVERSE!
AS YOU KNOW, IT TOOK HIM 5,000 YEARS TO FLY BACK TO EARTH, WHERE DUDLEY TRICKED HIM INTO SAYING MY NAME!
ONE THING PUZZLES ME, SOLOMON, HERCULES AND ACHILLES HADN'T BEEN BORN 5,000 YEARS AGO. SO HOW COULD BLACK ADAM GET THEIR POWERS?
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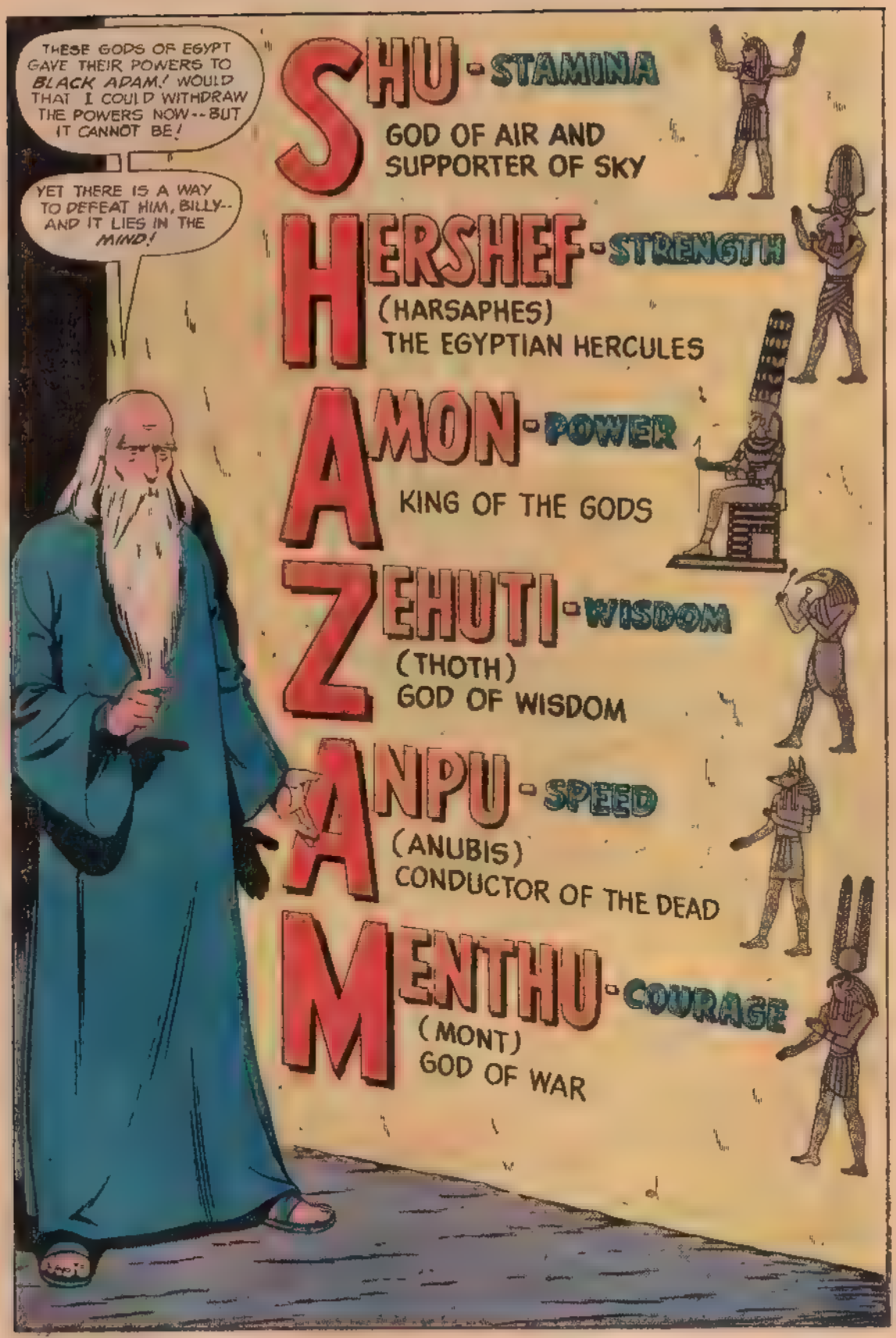
THESE GODS OF EGYPT GAVE THEIR POWERS TO BLACK ADAM! WOULD THAT I COULD WITHDRAW THE POWERS NOW--BUT IT CANNOT BE!
YET THERE IS A WAY TO DEFEAT HIM, BILLY--AND IT LIES IN THE MIND!
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MEANTIME, LET'S SEE WHAT BLACK ADAM IS UP TO--AT SIVANA'S LAB...
SO YOU'RE BACK, EH? HAVEN'T YOU CONQUERED THE WORLD YET? YOU'VE HAD HALF AN HOUR!
QUIET, LITTLE MAN! I'M TRYING TO THINK OF A WAY TO DEFEAT CAPTAIN MARVEL!
WHY NOT GO AFTER THE ONE WHO CREATED HIM--AND AVENGE YOURSELF ON THAT OLD MAN FOR BANISHING YOU?
OF COURSE! BUT WHERE CAN I FIND THE OLD WIZARD?
HE HAS A PALACE ON THE ROCK OF ETERNITY! YOU CAN FLY THERE BY GOING FASTER THAN LIGHT!
GOOD! I'LL DO IT!
HEH, HEH! THE FOOL! IF HE DESTROYS SHAZAM, HE MAY WIPE OUT CAPTAIN MARVEL'S POWERS--
--BUT HE'LL ERASE HIS OWN, TOO! TRY TO STEAL THE UNIVERSE FROM ME, WILL HE?
AND AS THE EBON-CLAD EVIL-DOER TAKES TO THE SKY...
"IN THE MIND!" WHAT DID SHAZAM MEAN BY THAT?
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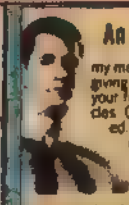

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A more astute dingbat may notice something else. One of the old familiar names is nowhere to be found. And there in its place is a new name, never before seen in comics. Jenette Kahn. All signs seem to indicate that an unknown person of presumably female persuasion has become publisher of DC.

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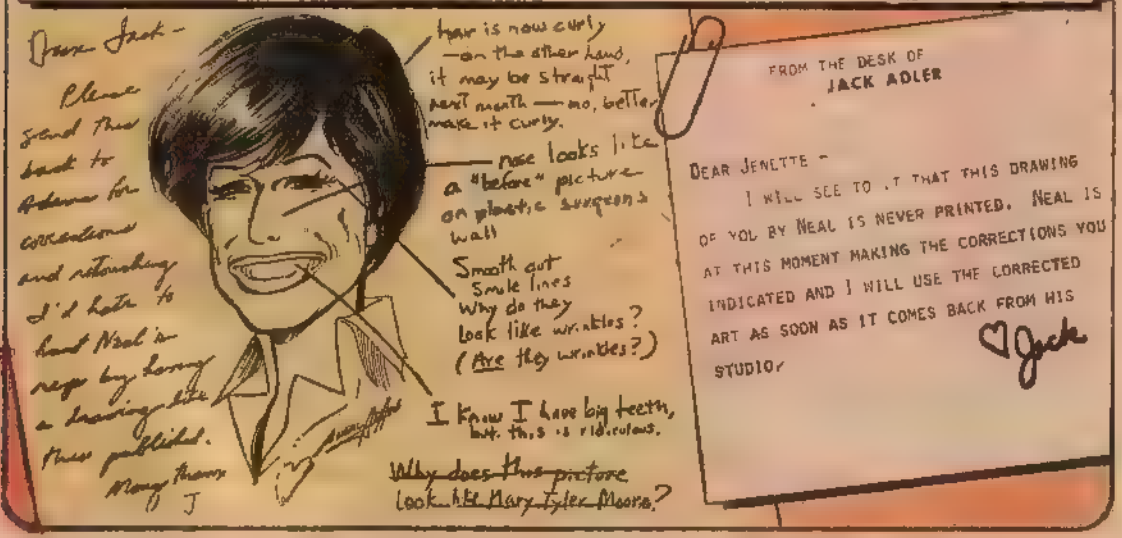
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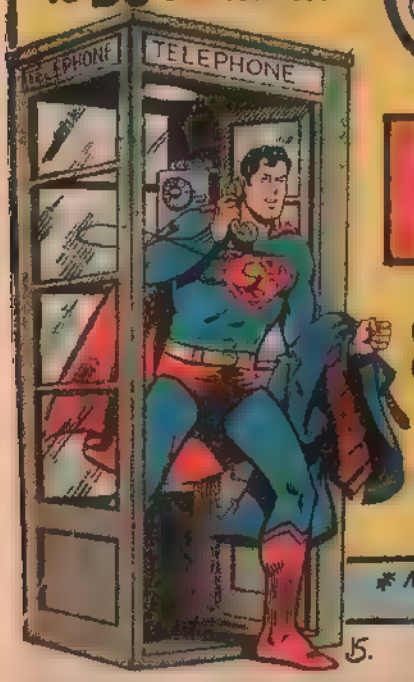

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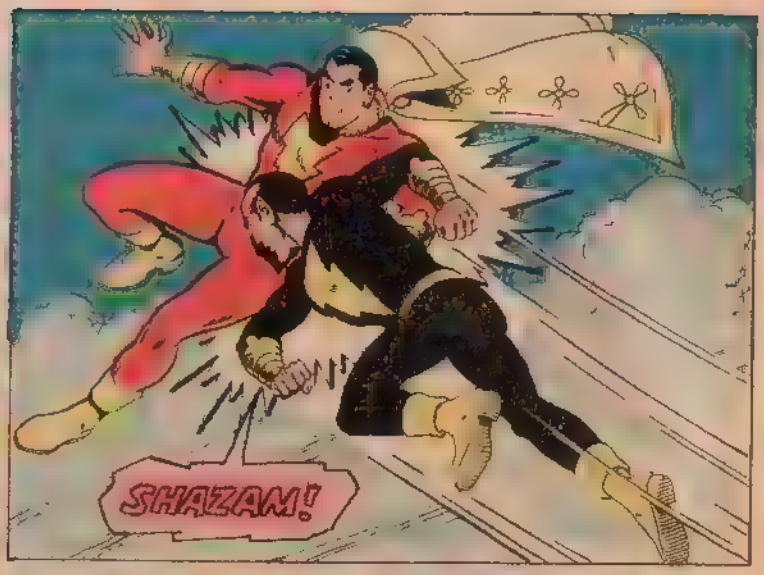
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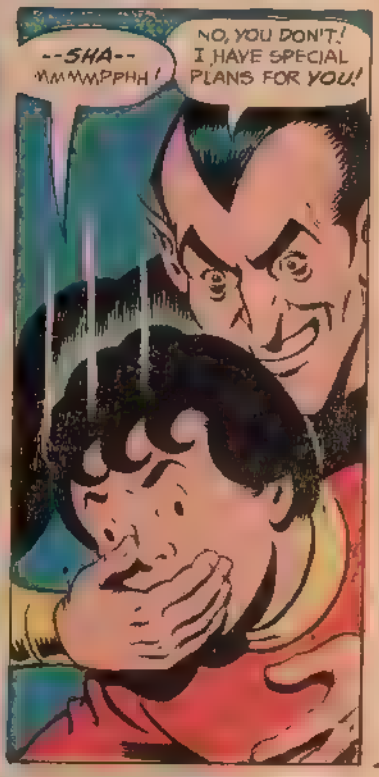
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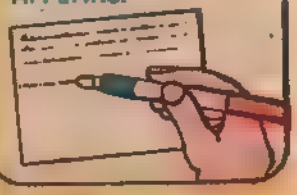

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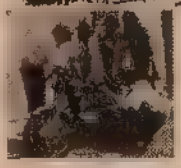

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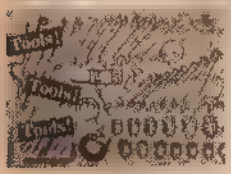

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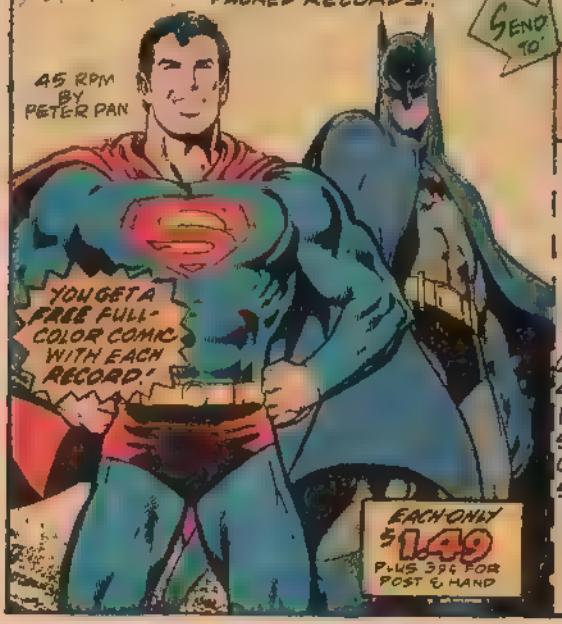

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Dear Joe, Kurt and E

I was amazed at the finesse with which you handled the revamping of **Captain Marvel.** I was expecting some nice art, but the script (for #26) was surprisingly well-written. I had sworn off **Shazam** up until the Isis issue and didn't expect to start again. Since nothing much else came out today, however, I decided to go ahead and buy the issue. I figured it was good for a few laughs at least. Boy, was I wrong! The transition from the comics of old to the new TV version was perfect. And on the impending comeback of Kid Eternity, it looks like I'll be getting **Shazam** for some time to come.

The mention of the **JLA/JSA** story was pleasing. It definitely re-emphasizes the fact that there are other heroes on Earth-S. I hope we'll see some others (in addition to Kid Eternity) appearing in future issues.

I'm happy to see that ol' Uncle Dudley has given up his corney quick-change routine. Now maybe he can become an interesting character.

I'm a bit disappointed at the Eterni-phone, but if it's not used every issue, it won't be too bad an addition to the book.

The Washington setting was well-used. The Capitol's disappearance into the past was a novel idea. Sivana's plan was well-laid and I'm happy to see he's not through yet. He's got the genius of Luthor and the escapes of the Joker. The perfect foe for **Cap.**

Well, I had to write and tell you how pleased I was with the new **Captain Marvel.** I'm looking forward to his continued adventures and hopefully to the guest-starring of other Fawcett heroes.

Scott R. Taylor, 103 Markham, Portland, Tex. 78374

(We'll probably be using the other Earth-S heroes in future issues. Frankly, I was dubious about the Eterni-phone when told to incorporate it into the series, but I think it's working out all right. This issue, it saved Billy a trip back to New York and the abandoned subway tunnel.—E.N.B.)

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Dear Editor:

Well, I had a feeling it was coming. When **DC** announced **Shazam** was going on TV, I hoped **Captain Marvel** had found his place as an animated cartoon character. Unfortunately, the network's version was a strange warping of the Fawcett hero's storybook qualities. I had hoped television would not affect the Big Red Cheese. While you altered **Cap's** storyline in a not-too-radical fashion, I am afraid you will lose a very enthusiastic and long-time fan if Billy and "Mentor" (as I'm sure he'll be referred to more and more) continually travel around the country looking for Sivana while helping wayward teenagers (I'm sure that's what's coming).

I await the return of characters such as Mr. Mind, Mr. Tawny and Sunny Sparkle, as well as the **Marvel Family.**

Steven Brown, 224 1901 Hall, Princeton University
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(You sure were wrong about those things you were "sure" of! Dudley is still called Dudley, while there isn't a single wayward youth this time around—just the World's Mightiest Mortal battling the World's Mightiest Villain. We hope to get all the characters you mentioned into future tales, too. Meantime—will Isaac and Aunt Minerva do next issue? We might even get Dudley into his Uncle Marvel suit—but without the "quick-change" Scott deplored.—E.N.B.)

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It is hard to talk about **Shazam** #26 without using cliches such as "It was a great issue," or "the best **Shazam** to date," or even "story of the year," but it was a darn good story.

Gone are those cute little stories with humorous overtones (for those I shed no tears), to be replaced by the type of stories that brought the **Captain** fame in the 1940's—absurd settings and menaces handled seriously. Talking tigers, missing bridges, cave men—absurd they are, but did the World's Mightiest Mortal handle them stupidly, as he might have done in earlier stories? No, he acted like a true hero—like **Superman** or **Doctor Fate.**

Adapting the comic to the television version was done perfectly (especially making Uncle Marvel the Mentor). But do not let the quality slip, as happened to **Batman** in the now-dead camp craze.

Even the best of issues have their faults, and in this one, it was the inclusion of Rod Porter as an element for youths to identify with. A total waste of space was the only thing it accomplished.

Daryl S. Herrick, 6 Country Lane
Belchertown, Mass. 01007

(Actually, we kinda hoped most youths would identify with Billy. He's the hero, y'know.—E.N.B.)

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Dear World's Mightiest Author:

Your continuing story was excellent!

You did not use the "on-the-road" factor as it's done on TV, and the story was much better. But Holy Moley! After 26 issues, **Cap** finally gets a novel-length story all to himself!

Kurt Schaffenberger's art has really improved the series. No one can match it.

One other thing—while Billy and Uncle Dudley are traveling across the U.S., let them go through Yorktown or Williamsburg, two of the historical landmarks in my home state.

Tommy Olsisen, 777 Bellwood Rd., Hampton, Va. 23666

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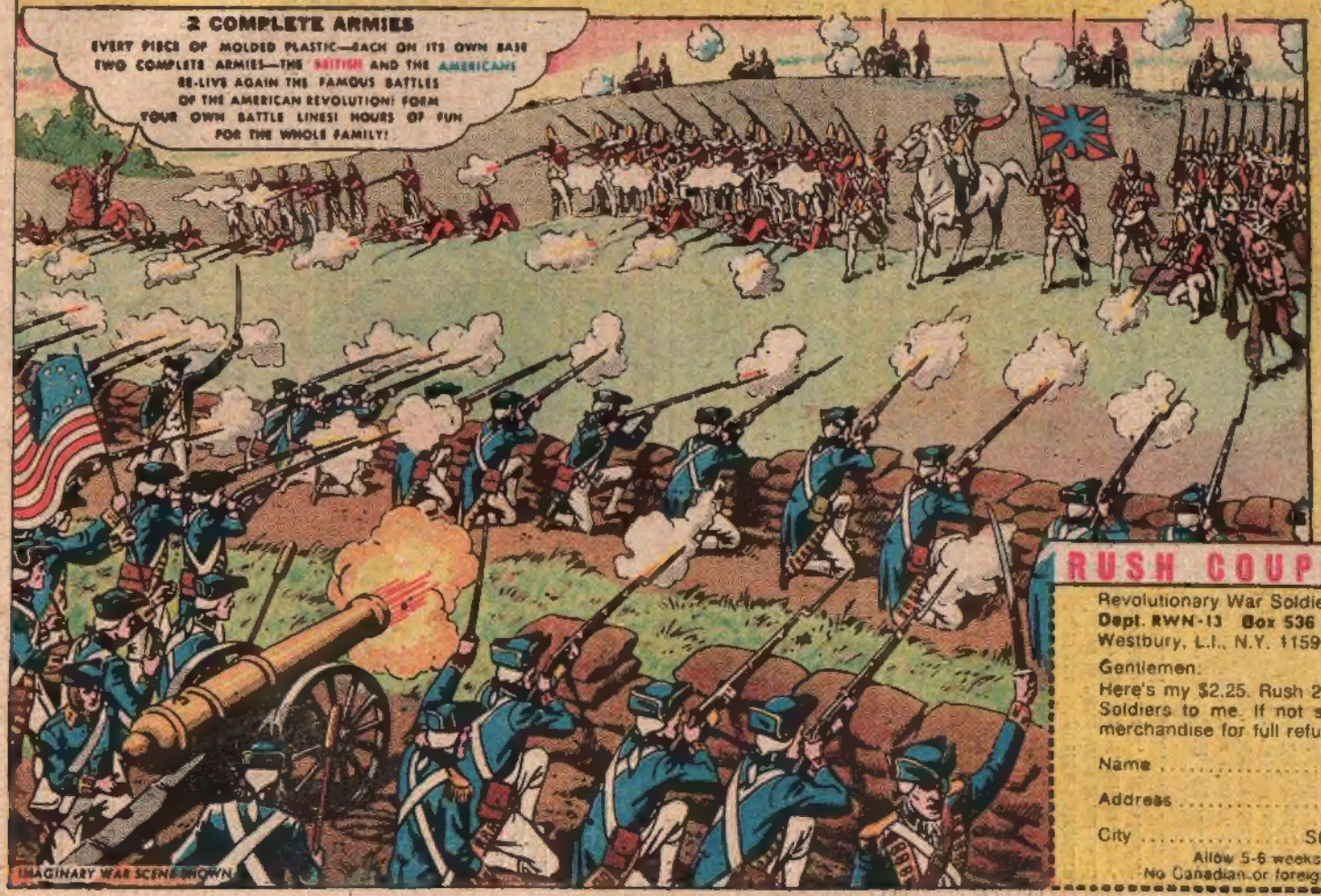

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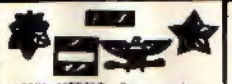

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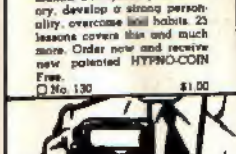

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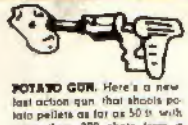

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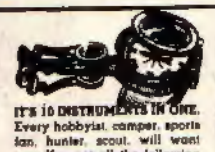

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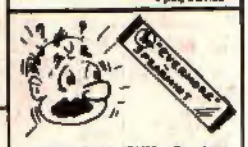

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